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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC DESSAU Airfield

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[REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT See belowDATE OBTAINED 25X1A [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 8 December 1949

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1. About 40 fighters (low-wing monoplanes, radial engine, rounded wing tips) were observed on the northern edge of the DESSAU-ALTEN (M 52/E 06) airfield. The photograph was taken there.

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2. The field was occupied by about 60 fighters and 5 biplanes with radial engines. There was little flying in the morning and no flying in stormy afternoon weather.
3. The Soviet Air Force unit was quartered partly in the former administration buildings of the Jumo Plant and partly in private flats at the ALTEN railroad station. A Soviet hospital was close to the quartering buildings.
4. According to workers, the debris of the demolished buildings on the southern section of the taxiway had to be cleared. Four concrete mixers were in operation at the southwestern field corner where the taxiway was under repair.

5. The following motor vehicle 25X1A were observed near the field: 25X1A

[REDACTED] truck

[REDACTED] truck

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[REDACTED] supply truck

[REDACTED] tank truck, 5000 ltr

[REDACTED] truck

[REDACTED] truck.

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Comment:

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- a. Report confirms the occupation by fighters. According to the observed number of planes, two fighter regiments are assumed to be stationed there.

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b. The photograph taken from a great distance only reveals that the fighters are IAs but details are not recognizable. The photo is therefore transmitted only in the original.

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